



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5042

LCO No. 2902

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (b) No person shall smoke: (1) In any building or portion of a
5 building owned or leased and operated by the state or any political
6 subdivision thereof except in a smoking area; (2) in any area of a health
7 care institution other than a smoking area, provided the smoking area
8 may not be the institution's only waiting area, and notice shall be
9 posted at entrances to such institutions that smoking is prohibited by
10 state law; (3) in any area of a retail food store open to the general
11 public; (4) in any public area of a restaurant; [having a seating capacity
12 of seventy-five or more persons, unless a sign is posted which
13 indicates that smoking is permitted in such area, provided (i) no such
14 restaurant shall be designated, in its entirety, as a smoking area, (ii)
15 smoking may be prohibited in rooms used for private social functions,
16 and (iii) a sign is posted at the entrance of the restaurant indicating the
17 availability of nonsmoking areas;] (5) notwithstanding the provisions

18 of section 31-40q, within a public school building while school is in
 19 session or student activities are being conducted; (6) in any passenger
 20 elevator, provided no person shall be arrested for violating this
 21 subsection unless there is posted in such room or elevator a sign which
 22 indicates that smoking is prohibited by state law; and (7) in any
 23 dormitory in any public institution of higher education. This
 24 subsection shall not apply to correctional facilities, psychiatric
 25 facilities, public housing projects as defined in subsection (b) of section
 26 21a-278a or classrooms where demonstration smoking is taking place
 27 as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit smoking in restaurants.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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